

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1258

By Cobb

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the late Mark Farrar, Sr.
upon the occasion of his induction into the
Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration
Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor the memory of a remarkable professional who during his lifetime rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2004, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting thirteen worthy people into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2004 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes the late Mark Farrar, Sr., the longest tenured Ringmaster in Celebration history; and

WHEREAS, Mark Farrar, Sr. served with the utmost probity, integrity, and ability as the Celebration's Ringmaster for a remarkable forty-three years; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who valued his family above all else, Mr. Farrar was fortunate to work with each of the four members of his immediate family during his illustrious tenure in the center ring, and he treasured these occasions as his proudest Celebration achievement; and

WHEREAS, sadly, Mr. Farrar passed from this world to a far better existence in the fall of 2003; and

WHEREAS, by means of his induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Mark Farrar, Sr. has posthumously earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and we should pay homage to his life of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of the late Mark Farrar, Sr. on the occasion of his posthumous induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame, as we warmly remember his consummate career spent in service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.